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Nicholasville Lock Maker Secures Governor's Safety and Health Award

Sargent and Greenleaf employees work more than 350,000 hours without an incident

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. (June 17, 2015) – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today joined company officials from Sargent and Greenleaf in Nicholasville to recognize employees for earning the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The mechanical and electronic lock manufacturing facility has not had a lost-time injury or illness in more than 350,000 work hours.

Kentucky Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts said the employees deserve tremendous recognition.

"This is a company with a rich history, dating back to the mid-19th century," said Secretary Roberts. "Safety and health are crucial for everyone's success, and Sargent and Greenleaf understands that workers are more important than any other asset."

Established in New York in 1857, Sargent and Greenleaf is a world leader in medium and high security locks and locking systems for safes and vaults. Since 1974, the company has been headquartered in Nicholasville — where it has 120 employees, 100,000 square feet of manufacturing space and 22,000 square feet of offices. Now a subsidiary of

STANLEY Security Solutions, the company also serves European and other international customers from a facility in Switzerland.

“On behalf of S&G, we are honored to be recognized by receiving the Governor’s Safety and Health award,” said Brian Leary, chief operating officer. “Achieving this milestone happens only from the daily commitment of our employees in prioritizing safety while continuing our reputation of quality and innovation.”

The Nicholasville facility’s last lost-time injury happened in February 2014, when a worker slipped on a patch of ice in the parking lot. If not for that fall, the facility would have more than 1.1 million hours without a lost-time incident. Thankfully, the injury was not serious and the worker made a full recovery, missing only one day of work.

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of Sargent and Greenleaf, the requirement is 250,000.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) last year as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on Sargent and Greenleaf, visit www.sargentandgreenleaf.com.

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